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BE WATERWISE BE POWERWISE CONSERVE RIVERSIDE'S RESOURCES AND SAVE MONEY

If you receive a utility bill from Riverside Public Utilities (RPU), you already know about the utility's dual public awareness campaigns – Be Waterwise and Be Powerwise – to help customers save energy, water, and money.

The conservation messages are seen and heard all over Riverside in movie theaters, newspaper ads, school marquees, local radio and cable stations, auto dealer signs, the internet and at community events.

During the summer and early fall months is when Riverside uses the most water and energy all year, so it's a good time to remind Riverside residents to "Cash In On Conservaton."

Cash In On Conservation—Be WATERWISE

RPU's Be Waterwise campaign points to lawns and landscaping as a good place to "painlessly" conserve a lot of water and save money, too. Here's why. First, most people use 50 percent or more of their water outside their homes on their lawns, trees and shrubs. And second, most Southern Californians use DOUBLE the amount of water needed to keep lawns and plants healthy.

This means, most people could comfortably cut their water usage and their water bill by 25 percent just by reducing the time and days they water and still have a healthy lawn and landscape. So, the biggest water-saving measure you can do is FREE and requires no purchases, plumbing or planting.

For the typical single family home, the next largest water users are toilets (14%) and laundry (12%). RPU offers utility rebate programs up to \$55 per toilet to conserve water inside homes for replacing pre-1994 water-wasting toilets with an Ultra-Low-Flush Toilet (ULFT) and \$30 to \$105 for installing a new High-Efficiency Clothes Washer (HECW).

These three water-saving measures could reduce the typical home's water use and water bill by as much as 40%.

Cash In On Conservation—Be POWERWISE

You can easily Be POWERWISE by powering down your home's energy consumption and your monthly electric bill in a number of ways:

For every two degrees you turn up your thermostat, you could lower cooling costs as much as five percent. By using more fans, you can dial in a new comfort level for yourself and your electric bill.

You can "pre-chill" your cooling costs down another 10 percent when you shade your air conditioning unit without obstructing the intake grills.

Both these no-cost tips could lower your cooling costs by 12 to 30 percent.

RPU has expanded its Web site – www.riversidepublicutilities.com – to include more water and energy conservation information online. Or you may call 826-5485 for energy and water rebate program details.



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THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE TEAMS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO HELP A FAMILY ACHIEVE THE DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP



The City of Riverside recently joined forces with Habitat for Humanity and a number of trade partners to help a local family, realize their dream for a home. Parents of two girls, Jose and Yolanda Pedroza were suddenly faced with expanding their family when Jose's sister passed away leaving her four young daughters to be raised by their uncle. Now the proud parents of six growing girls, ranging from ages seven to seventeen, the Pedroza's have been struggling to persevere through the challenges and ever-increasing expenses required to raise six daughters.

The City of Riverside Redevelopment Agency awarded a monetary donation and the land upon which the Pedroza's new home is currently being constructed. Joining in this philanthropic collaborative with the City of Riverside and Habitat for Humanity were a

dedicated team which included Pulte Homes and the Ramona High School Biology Club.

In order to meet the demands of their large family, Jose has worked two jobs for the last 12 years, while Yolanda has been actively involved in parenting and home-schooling their six girls. After spending nearly a decade living in a two-bedroom apartment, the Pedroza family has now been granted the opportunity of a life-time and is extremely thankful for their good fortune.

During the five building weekends, the Pedroza family performed 500 hours of "sweat equity" required to complete the project. After a late August dedication ceremony, the Pedroza's moved into their new home.

RESIDENT REMINDERS

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW the posting of any signs in the public right-of way areas is not permissible? This includes street light poles, telephone poles or trees in city easement area, etc. If you have questions please call Code Compliance 951/826-5633.

DID YOU KNOW the city provides free pick -up of bulky discarded items twice per year, however you must call ahead to set an appointment with your solid waste provider. For more information please call 951/351-6127.

DID YOU KNOW that the trash, greens and recycle containers must be set out for collection no earlier than 6 PM the day preceding collection and must be pulled back from the city street area by 8 PM the day of collection. Also, when setting the containers out by the curb, please allow at least 3 feet between each container for more efficient pick up by the automatic lift arm of the truck. For more information please call 951/351-6127.

DID YOU KNOW the Riverside Metropolitan Museum owns a collection of thousands of historic photos and documents of Riverside and the region? This collection is available for viewing by the public by appointment. For more information please call 951/826-5792.

DID YOU KNOW the Riverside Metropolitan Museum has a nature lab housing living specimens of plants and animals? You may visit the nature lab Tuesdays–Saturdays from 1:00–4:30 PM. For more information please call 951/826-5132.

MAYOR'S NIGHT OUT



Did you know that the responses for every Mayor's Night Out community meeting of 2005 are available online?

Each month the Mayor, local City Council member, and the City Manager join local Police and Fire officials, department heads and other key City personnel at a community meeting—usually at a local elementary school—to hear concerns and questions from neighborhood residents.

Questions are addressed on the spot, but they are also submitted in writing to City departments and outside agencies for research, action, and more complete responses. These completed responses are mailed to meeting participants within 30 days. Find the questions and answers at: www.riversideca.gov/mayor/nightout.htm

MAYOR RON LOVERIDGE RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

TOM BRADLEY LEADERSHIP AWARD RECOGNIZES REGIONAL EXCELLENCE

RIVERSIDE, CA – Riverside City Mayor, Ronald O. Loveridge, recently received the prestigious Tom Bradley Leadership award from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). The national award, which recognizes leadership excellence in advocating regional concepts, approaches, and programs at any and all levels of government, was presented at a dinner ceremony on June 28, 2005 at NARC's annual conference held in Monterey, CA.

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) nominated Mayor Loveridge for this prestigious award. "Through his tenure as a local elected official, Mayor Loveridge has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to improving the future of Southern California's transportation network and maintaining the region's preferred quality of life in the face of daunting challenges presented by ongoing population growth," commented Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG.

Mayor Loveridge has served on the SCAG Regional Council since 1995. Under his leadership, SCAG developed the State of the Region Report, an annual report card which provides a concise and realistic depiction of the region in terms of seven key policy areas: transportation, employment, income, housing, air quality, safety and education. Loveridge is currently the Chair of the SCAG Benchmarks Task Force, which has guided the preparation for the report since its inception in 1998. The Task Force consists of local elected officials and regional issue experts throughout Southern California.

Commenting on the Leadership Award, Mayor Loveridge said, "I am truly honored by this recognition. Elected leaders, such as myself, are increasingly recognizing that the issues examined in the State of the Region Report extend beyond city and county limits, making it imperative that we work together as regions to improve our collective quality of life."



WALK TO YOUR HEALTH RIVERSIDE

Riverside is a city alive with walking routes and trails for everyone from the walking enthusiast to the casual weekly stroller.

The City of Riverside is dedicated to promoting and empowering community residents to live actively. Our long-term goal is to provide opportunities for physical improvements and promote healthy lifestyles for Riversiders. A good community is a healthy community.

"My wife and I have made walking Riverside a daily habit for more than 40 years and appreciate all Riverside has to offer," commented Mayor Ron Loveridge.

During Winter 2005, the Mayor appointed a Walkable Communities Task Force that analyzed opportunities and challenges for walkers in Riverside.

The City of Riverside, Riverside County Department of Public Health and Kaiser Permanente partnered together to support and staff the task force.

One exciting outcome of the Walking Communities Task Force is a guide to Riverside's best walking experience. Walk Riverside: Routes & Trails.

The brochure, which contains maps of walking routes and trails, will allow the walker to get to know the community as while walking to a healthy lifestyle. This collection of routes attests to the beauty and variety one can find when discovering new paths in local parks and greeting friends along established trailheads.

Walk Riverside: Routes & Trails' maps provide locations, parking suggestions, length of route and tips about the path. Walk Riverside: Routes & Trails can be found at the City of Riverside Parks and Recreation Center at White Park or by stopping by the Mayor's Office on the Seventh Floor of City Hall.

So, get on your walking shoes and get out there and walk Riverside!

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Over the past four summers, the City of Riverside Human Resources Department has offered a Summer Youth Employment Program. From July through August, 110 students from Riverside area high schools had an opportunity to gain valuable work experience, increase their awareness of City services, serve their community, and earn a minimum wage for their efforts. City of Riverside staff supervised the students who were placed in entry-level positions in departments throughout the City, which included Park and Recreation, Public Works, and City Clerk. A Special thanks to all the city departments and supervisors who provided an opportunity at their worksite and contributed to a positive educational work experience for all the youth who participated in the Summer Employment Program.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Critical to the success of any neighborhood improvement effort is the effective leadership of key residents who can guide their neighbors in community-wide decision-making. The neighborhood Leadership Academy will take selected applicants and develop the skills and networks essential to neighborhood improvement -- and it's FREE!

WHAT?

- Professional trainers facilitate interactive workshops on:
- City Hall 101
 - Communication Skills
 - Team-building
 - Cultural Diversity
 - Managing Conflict and Personality Styles
 - Presentation Skills and Meeting Management
 - Systematic Problem-solving

WHEN?

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Thursdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 10, 2005

WHO?

30 residents who are currently committed to improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods and actively involved in a neighborhood organization (formal or informal), Neighborhood Watch, Neighborhood Advisory Committee, PTA, church group, or other qualifying community association are invited to apply by September 15, 2005.

WHERE?

Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA 92504

COST?

Free! Light dinner provided.

For an application or more information, call or email: Lucelia Rodriguez, lrodriguez@riversideca.gov, (951) 826-5195 phone, (951) 826-2591 fax



CANDLES CAN LIFT OUR SPIRITS, YET THEY CAN EASILY RESULT IN DISASTER

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a growing cause of home fires—and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, meaning that it can easily ignite any combustible material nearby. And because candle fires spread so quickly, it's essential that you have working smoke alarms in your residence and a home fire escape plan ready to go. Follow these tips to help you use candles safely.

Reducing the risk

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Almost half of all home fires are started by candles being in the bedroom. The Fire Service discourages the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing or any other material that can catch fire.
- Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.

“Candle with Care”

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface—away from edges and any place where they could be knocked over by kids or pets.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.
- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder or any decorative material.
- Extinguish candles carefully, using a long-handled candle snuffer or a soft, directed breath. Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing. Do not leave the room until wicks have stopped glowing.
- Avoid using candles during a power outage. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting on hand for emergency lighting.

Candles and kids

- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle.
- Don't allow kids or teens to burn candles in their bedrooms.
- Don't let kids play with candles or dripping wax – or with materials that could catch fire near candles.
- Store matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

The City of Riverside Fire Department–Public Education, (951) 826-5384.

CITY ORDINANCE REMINDERS

In order to maintain livable communities and neighborhoods, City ordinances were established and are enforced by the local code enforcement officials. The following two ordinances are key to keeping Riverside Clean and Beautiful:

Chapter 9.30 of the Riverside Municipal Code permits the City to seize any vehicle used to illegally dump refuse on any public property; or used in any other manner deemed a nuisance; (vehicles used in street racing; or vehicles used to acquire, sell, or attempt to acquire or sell controlled substances) and seek its forfeiture through legal process.

The City of Riverside has added a new Riverside Municipal Code Chapter, 19.77, relating to private party signs. This makes it illegal for the public to post or display signs on City owned property or the public right-of way. If a sign is displayed in these areas, it is considered a public nuisance and will be removed by the City. The person responsible for posting of the sign may be charged with the actual costs of removal.

More information can be found on the City of Riverside website www.RiversideCa.gov. From the home page choose E-services; then under Interactive Services go to Municipal Code On-line.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a small, student-oriented school for continuing education, the Alvord Unified School District offers a variety of programs at their campus which include:

- Computer operations
- Spanish
- GED/High School Equivalency program
- English as Second Language (ESL) program
- and much more...

All classes start in September.

For more information on how to register, please call (951) 351-9305 or (951) 351-6655 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CITIZENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

After the events of September 11, 2001, President Bush recognized the strengths of the American public in volunteerism. Working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), he realized local governments needed specially allocated funds to establish courses to properly train their citizens in disaster response.

Communities around the country were eligible to receive grant money to start Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Currently, the City of Riverside has a team at North High School, four neighborhood teams, and an additional team at Park and Recreation. The City's goal is to have a trained CERT team for each of the 13 fire districts within the City.

With this in mind, more citizens are needed to complete the CERT Training Program. Classes for 2006 are scheduled for the months of March, June, and October. Community members will be given a 20 hour hands on course in Disaster Preparedness, First Aid, CPR, Incident Command System, Fire Suppression, Terrorism, and Disaster Psychology. Classes are scheduled on a Friday evening from 6-10 p.m. and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Upon completion of the program newly qualified CERT members will receive a green vest, helmet, and gym type bag to carry their supplies. The cost of the course is \$25.00.

More information can be found about our teams on our website at www.riversideca.gov/fire/. Click on the CERT icon. If you have any questions, would like to get your neighborhood involved, or be part of a team yourself, please contact Vivian Widman at ext. (951) 826-5550.



RIVERSIDE AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS HELP PREPARE FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND ACCESSIBILITY

Riverside Airport has become one of the leading destinations for corporate and business aviation in Southern California. With its centralized location in the region, The Riverside Airport is classified as a general aviation "reliever" airport, and plays a key role in keeping general aviation aircraft from crowding commercial airports such as John Wayne and Ontario International Airports. Currently, the Riverside airport facilities are fully leased, houses more than 350-based aircraft, and logs over 110,000 aircraft landings and takeoffs per year.

To handle increased aircraft operations and to enhance the capacity and efficiency of the airport, several major capital improvement projects were identified and planned. In 2005 the FAA contributed \$2,643,600 for capital improvement projects and \$111,250 was contributed from the State. In 2006 the FAA has plans to fund a \$475,000 update to the Airport's Master Plan and a \$3.3 million project to reconstruct the airport's Runway 9-27, its parallel taxiway, and associated connecting taxiways along with other airfield improvements.

The first capital improvement to be completed in 2005 was the Westside Taxiway project. This \$2.8 million airfield capital improvement project involved building two major taxiway extensions, a land acquisition, and relocating a FAA navigational aid. The construction of this 2,200-foot taxiway extension will facilitate aviation development on a 20-acre site on the west side of the airport. The next capital project will be the construction of an airport access road complete with water, sewer, and electric utilities to the 20-acre site.

The Airport Drive Beautification project was also completed in 2005. The \$350,000 project included landscaping, irrigation, and lighting improvements along Airport Drive, beginning at the main entrance to the airport on Arlington Avenue and extended into the Airport's terminal building parking lot.

Earlier this year the City negotiated a lease with Riverside One LLC, a private developer, who will construct over 160 hangars on the 20-acre site on the west side of the airport. The multi-million dollar project will offer a variety of aviation service facilities with custom designed hangars and tenant improvements. A highlight of the airport upgrades is a national franchise fuel retailer, which will help make Riverside Airport an attractive "stop-over" for aircraft charter and fractional ownership companies.

One of the most important accomplishments in 2005 was the creation of the Riverside Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The plan will manage development around Riverside Airport while facilitating economic development opportunities. The purpose of the Plan is to protect the airport from encroachment and protect the community with respect to safety and noise concerns related to the airports operations.

As the City continues to expand and additional capital improvements are completed, this first-class corporate airport will be poised and ready to handle the demands of the growing business aviation of our region.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH COURT CELEBRATES 1ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Riverside Youth Court will celebrate its first anniversary this September in conjunction with the 4th Annual National Youth Court month. The Riverside Youth Court, administered through the Riverside Police Department and governed by an Advisory Board of community volunteers, is one of the fastest growing movements in the nation with more than 900 Youth Courts in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

In honor of their first Anniversary, the Mayor and City Council will issue a proclamation declaring Riverside Youth Court an exemplary model of success in the national Youth Court movement. A special presentation and reception will be held at the Historic Courthouse on September 12, 2005 to recognize the efforts of the more than 300 volunteers who have worked to ensure the success of the Riverside Youth Court.

Operating under the auspices of the Office of the Mayor and managed by the Family Services Bureau of the Riverside Police Department, the youth program is an alternative approach to the traditional juvenile justice system. The specially structured court is intended as a prevention and early intervention program with a twofold purpose. It provides a means of holding youth accountable for their actions while educating them on the functions of the legal system. In Youth Court, young adults are part of the jury system that sentence their peers who have admitted committing a misdemeanor crime such as shoplifting, fighting, assault/battery, vandalism, and possession of minor amounts of controlled substances. The volunteer students may serve as prosecutor, defense attorney, court clerk, or juror.

The Youth Court is based on the balanced restorative justice model and designed to focus on a respondent's accountability and competency development. By involving the community in the disposition, respondents learn to be connected to the community. Penalty options include a combination of mandatory future youth court jury duty, community service, attendance at educational workshops, apology letters, essays, counseling, restitution, drug testing, school attendance, curfew restrictions, and other creative remedies.

The Riverside Youth Court is an interagency collaboration that includes the Riverside County District Attorneys Office, Riverside County Probation Department, Riverside Public Defenders Office, Riverside and Alvord Unified School Districts, Riverside County Juvenile Courts, Riverside Youth Council and the Riverside Police Department.

For more information on the Riverside Youth Court or the events mentioned above please call 826-5916 or email RPDYouthCourt@riversideca.gov.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

EASTSIDE LIBRARY AND CYBRARY NOW OPEN

The Eastside Library & Cybrary is the first of three new neighborhood libraries to open as part of the Riverside Public Library's promise of improved library facilities under Measure C. Located at 4033 Chicago Avenue in the Town Square Shopping Center the new library opened on July 11, 2005.

The new Eastside Library is an expansion of the award winning Eastside Cybrary. The new ELC will be a full service library serving the surrounding three square mile service area.

The new library's theme is The Wonders of the World. According to Judith Auth, Library Director, "The library is a window on the world." Through traditional circulating library materials, fiction and non-fiction books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs and access to the World Wide Web, Eastside Library users will have access to all of the wonders of the world.

The new Eastside Library & Cybrary will feature a READy-Set-Go-Center. The READy-Center, funded by a \$25,000 grant from Bank of America through the Riverside Public Library Foundation, will provide developmentally appropriate books and other library materials, and programs. These will include: storytimes, read-to-me sessions, homework assistance with trained volunteer tutors, Buzz Bee's Summer Reading Program, intergenerational family activities, special parenting materials (donated by the Riverside County Childcare Consortium), puzzles, puppets, audiovisuals, and materials in multiple formats.

According to Branch Manager, Carolyn Denny, the ELC will continue to provide training in job search skills using the Internet, career development, resume writing and literacy training. ESL and GED online programs will be offered in partnership with the RUSD adult school.

Youth who complete the basic computer-training program and earn their license to drive on the Information Super Highway can make their families eligible for a home computer at very low cost through the SmartRiverside partnership of the City, Jaguar Computer and Arrowhead Credit Union.

With the support of the community, the new Eastside Library and Cybrary is being partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant and Measure C funds.

The staff of the new Eastside Library & Cybrary is getting ready to move in and looks forward to welcoming you.

For more information about the Eastside Library and & Cybrary hours and programs call (951) 684-8347.

TRIVIA BEE CHAMPS GET READY FOR THE 2005 COMPETITION

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday October 1, 2005 at 6:00 at the Janet Goseke Center.

Form a team of your smartest friends and colleagues to challenge last years winners of **Buzz Bee's Rotary Trivia Bee for Literacy**.

Proceeds go to improve and expand the Library's literacy programs. The 2005 Trivia Bee will again be dedicated to the *READy Set Go Storymobile*. The goal is to raise \$15,000 to help put the *Storymobile* on the road to the children by 2006.

Riverside Sunrise Rotary is the name sponsor. Other sponsors include the Friends of the Library, Riverside Public Utilities and the Riverside Public Library Foundation with the support of other generous donors.

Jack Allman, the captain of the Friends 2004 winning team is the Honorary Chairman, Teresa Rhyne is returning as the Mistress of Ceremonies and we can count on a panel of distinguished and "fair" minded judges to take all bribes to help put the *Storymobile* on the road to the children. It's all in good fun when it comes to raising funds for literacy.

Consider forming a company or neighborhood team. Or support a youth a team from a local school, church or scout troop. Team sponsorships are \$300.00 plus some extra "bribing money" at the event. Don't have the money, call the Library Foundation at (951) 826-5713 for suggestions on how to raise the funds.

Buzz also needs volunteers to help with the event and everyone to buy and sell tickets. And, of course, mark October 1, 2005 on your calendar and come join the fun. There is a role for everyone when it comes to the Trivia Bee and making Riverside a more literate community.

For more information about the Trivia Bee, call Marion Mitchell-Wilson, Executive Director of the Riverside Public Library Foundation at (951) 826-5713.



RIVERSIDE IS BUZZING ABOUT BOOKS!

Buzz Bee, the Riverside Public Library's mascot has the children of Riverside BUZZing About Books this summer.

Buzzing About Books is the theme of this year's summer reading program. In its eighth year, the program began on June 18, 2005 and is available at the Main Library and at the Arlington, Marcy and La Sierra Neighborhood Libraries, the Casa Blanca Library & Family Learning Center and at the new Eastside Library & Cybrary located at 4033-C Chicago Avenue in the Town Square Shopping Center.

Over 4,500 Riverside Children from all over the city have already signed up to read, read, read. And those "getting ready to read" before heading to kindergarten this fall are encouraging the adults in their lives to share books with them. Books with various themes will be the focus of this years reading game. Buzz and the children's specialist at each neighborhood library will encourage young readers and the Read-to-me-set (2 to 5 years of age) to explore new areas of interest by trying books from every genre. Fantasy, science fiction, historical novels, poetry, biographies and more will have Riverside's young readers a Buzz about reading.

Joining the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation as sponsors are, Provident Savings Bank, and the Riverside Public Library's Family Literacy Program. With their help, Buzz and the Library Staff has scheduled more than 175 special programs, free story times, game days and crafts at the Main Library and each neighborhood library. Children will get a complete schedule of events when they sign up for Buzz Bee's Summer Reading Program at their nearest Riverside Public Library.

The Summer Reading Program itself includes a board game, riddles, word games, and reading incentives from local restaurants and entertainment centers. The Library is especially grateful to Taco Bell, Cold Stone Creamery, Krispy Kreme, Castle Park and Roller City for providing the incentives for the past summers.

Call the Riverside Public Library Children's Room at 826-5369 for more information.



RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

—Riverside is growing and so are we—the Riverside Municipal Museum is now the Riverside Metropolitan Museum. Join us for bigger and better programs and events in the coming year!

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(951) 826-5273

WE'RE 80 YEARS OLD!!!!

Graced with a new name, the Riverside Municipal Museum has now officially become The Riverside Metropolitan Museum... just in time to celebrate 80 years of programs and stewardship in the community!

Our new name reflects our expanded vision as we embark on creating an expanded Museum for the 21st Century here in the heart of Riverside. Come celebrate and join us as we work to build a Museum that is the anchor for Arts & Culture in our community!

SATURDAY MUSEUM WORKSHOP!

October 15, Children's EWWW! Workshop:

Become an expert on all that is GROSS! Learn all about animal scat and make your own to take home. Dissect owl pellets and discover the bones of animals that owls eat. Sample interesting foods from our GROSS buffet! Program is \$10.00 per participant and parents are free. Advance registration is required, and parents must accompany children. To register, call 951-826-5124 or visit the Museum's website.

For more information about any of the Metropolitan Museum's new programs, contact the Museum at 951-826-5124, or visit our website at www.riversideca.gov/museum. The Metropolitan Museum also lists all events on the NEW Inland Arts website at www.inlandarts.com.

HERITAGE HOUSE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS! (8193 MAGNOLIA AVE., RIVERSIDE)

The Second Annual Chinese Moon Festival: Join us on September 17 for a special event honoring Chinese culture through a celebration of the traditional harvest festival. Held outside in the evening on Heritage House's enchanting grounds, the night offers opportunities to hear traditional Chinese Story Tellers in the Garden Gazebo, create Chinese characters under the shelter of trees, glimpse at the moon through professional telescopes, witness traditional Chinese Dance and taste sweet mooncakes and tea. For an evening not to be missed join us on September 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. For more information call the Museum at 826-5129.

Hands-On History: is an exciting NEW program series at the Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House. Programs are designed for elementary-school children and their families and take place from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on selected Thursdays.

Hands-On History, October 27, 2005, 3:00-4:30p.m. – All Hallows Eve: Join us as we travel to the past for a traditional Victorian All Hallows Eve (Halloween) celebration. Come dressed in costume and be ready to take part in a fun evening of Hands-on History!

RIVERSIDE'S ARTS & CULTURE SCENE RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS...

Announcing: INLANDARTS.COM. The Inland region's ultimate guide to Arts & Culture - providing a comprehensive calendar of cultural events with a directory that includes nearly 600 organizations.

RIVERSIDE'S WEEK OF ARTS & CULTURE OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 6

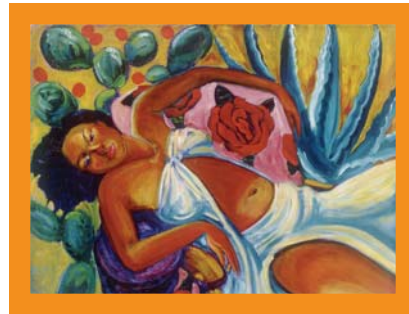
Event includes over a week of Arts & Cultural Activities packed into Downtown Riverside Celebrating the rich cultural heritage of this region. Events kick off with a Plein Aire Artist Paint out on 10/30, followed by an All Hallows Eve Festival 10/31, a Diwali Festival 11/01, a Day of the Dead Procession 11/02, Artswalk Thursday night 11/03, "Off the Wall" and Downtown Taste Tour 11/04, A Busker Festival 11/05, and First Sunday 11/06.

NEW EXHIBITS & PROGRAMS!

Join Cheech Marin and the Riverside Metropolitan Museum on September 8, 2005 for the Opening Reception of our two newest exhibits: The Chicano Collection and Nuestra Comunidad

"Chicano art is American art. My goal is to bring the term 'Chicano' to the forefront of the art world."

— Cheech Marin



To advance Chicano art as a recognized school of American art, Cheech Marin is spearheading a project that has produced digital prints of paintings by prominent Chicano artists. Titled The Chicano Collection/La Colección Chicana: Fine Art Prints by Modern Multiples, the exhibition will be on view at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, September 8 through October 16, 2005. The project utilizes sophisticated digital printing to create limited-edition portfolio sets of 26 archival-quality giclée prints. "Using the most advanced technology available today, we are creating these important artistic expressions of the American experience as 'time capsules' to embed into top U.S. art collections and to expose them to the widest audience possible" said project advisor and collaborator, Cheech Marin. Dating between 1969 and 2001, the prints depict urban life and the Chicano experience. Paintings selected to be reproduced as prints were primarily drawn from Marin's collection and include artists Carlos Almaraz, Frank Romero, Patssi Valdez, George Yepes, Rupert García, Leo Limón, Margaret García and Eloy Torrez. In tandem with this exhibit The Riverside Metropolitan Museum will open its "Nuestra Comunidad" exhibit which will serve to explore Riverside's Chicano roots and the impact this culture has offered Riverside's cultural mosaic. Join Cheech and the Metropolitan Museum on September 8 for an exciting evening of fine Chicano and local art, music, dance and cuisine.

Preserving Traditions: Preserving Traditions is a new program at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum that supports the development of traditional arts in Southern California. The Museum has formed this program by partnering with a skilled local Native American educational and cultural instructor to provide new learning opportunities for Native American and Non-Native American youth, teenagers and adults. Preserving Traditions encompasses a broad range of cultural programming. Facilitated by Lorene Sisquoc (Mountain Cahuilla/Fort Sill Apache) a series of workshops will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about Native American culture and traditional arts.

Free Basketry Workshop: As part of the new Preserving Traditions program, the Museum will offer an exciting new workshop called An Introduction to Southern California Basketry. Under the guidance of basketweaver Lorene Sisquoc (Mountain Cahuilla/Fort Sill Apache), workshop participants will gain an appreciation for the art of basket weaving using materials and techniques used in Southern California Indian basketry. Participants will create a reed creek side basket to take home. This free workshop for adults and educators will take place on October 29, 2005, 1:00-4:00 p.m., and preregistration is required. To register, call 951-826-5133.

Discovery Days: Are after school programs designed for students in grades K-5.

- Junior Marine Biologists: October 13, 3:00-4:30. Touch and explore real marine life as you find out the difference between a kelp forest and a mountain forest. Try some foods that contain kelp!
- What's That Smell? November 10, 3:00-4:30. Come and discover your sense of smell! Explore the science of scent and find out how insects detect smells without a nose. Discover everything under your nose from beautiful aromas to sickening scents through hands-on/nose-on activities!

Good Morning Museum: is a chance for Preschoolers and their Parents to discover their natural world with the Riverside Metropolitan Museum.

- Under the Sea: October 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Ahoy! Join the Museum for an exciting day from the ocean. Get up close and personal with a few creatures of the sea.
- Warm and Fuzzy: November 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m. What kinds of animals are warm and fuzzy? Search the Museum's galleries for furry creatures. Touch fuzzy plants and animals and learn why each is warm and fuzzy.

The Museum Outpost: is a great opportunity for Museum visitors to learn something new! Visit the Metropolitan Museum Wednesday and Friday afternoons (1:30-4:30 p.m.) to explore the Museum alongside a Museum Expert! Bring your questions and prepare to search for answers. Activities change regularly in this casual family-learning environment.

First Sundays: Featuring hands-on activities and opportunities to explore culture in a family-oriented atmosphere. First Sunday programs occur on the First Sunday of each month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and are FREE!

- October 2: Nuestra Comunidad/Our Community – Explore the new exhibits at the Museum and learn how many communities share similar stories. Under the guidance of Cosme Cordova and the Division 9 gallery, participate in a community art project.
- November 6: The Art and Nature of Plants – Explore different views on plants as we examine the artistic, functional and natural aspects of plants. Create a botanical art project to take home, and find out how people use plants.

8 REASONS WHY SCHOOLS ARE THE PRIDE OF RIVERSIDE!

The Riverside community has so much to be proud of in its public schools – and the past year has been a particularly successful one for the schools in the Riverside Unified School District.

“I’m often asked when I’m out in the community how our schools are doing,” says longtime RUSD School Board trustee Lewis Vanderzyl. “I’ve been with this district in one way or another (parent, teacher, principal or trustee) for more than 40 years, and today there are more students taking more rigorous classes than ever before and our students are going on to college in greater numbers. I can honestly say this is the best shape we’ve ever been in academically.”

Below are just some of the ways our local schools are excelling and providing bragging rights for Riversiders.

1. Newsweek Magazine names three RUSD schools to its list of “America’s Best High Schools”

In May, Newsweek ranked the top 1,000 schools from more than 27,000 high schools across the country based on the number of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests taken by students. According to Newsweek Magazine, “the index uses AP and IB as a measure because schools that push these tests are most likely to stretch young minds, which should be the fundamental purpose of education.”

Ramona High School was ranked 694 (and was the top school listed in the Inland Empire); Poly High School - 705; and North High School - 827.

2. Four Secondary Schools Named California Distinguished Schools

Chemawa Middle School, Martin Luther King High School, Poly High School, and Ramona High School were recognized as California Distinguished Schools for their outstanding student achievement, visionary leadership, and strong parent and community support. To have four schools receive this honor is exemplary (only three other districts in California had a greater number). The California School Recognition Program honors elementary and secondary schools in alternate years. Of the nearly 2,300 middle and high schools in the state, fewer than 465 were eligible to apply for the honor based on their Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress results; 192 were selected as 2005 California Distinguished Schools.

3. Two National Blue Ribbon Schools in Two Years

Washington Elementary School was the only Inland Empire school - and one of just 33 public schools in California - selected as a 2004 National Blue Ribbon School. In 2003, Alcott Elementary was the only school in Riverside County to receive this prestigious recognition. The title of National Blue Ribbon School is awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to schools that are academically superior or show dramatic gains in student achievement. Washington’s principal, Tim Martin, was also recognized as the Principal of the Year for Riverside County.

4. Eight Academic/Athletic Team Awards

Four years ago, Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, began the Academic/Athletic Team Awards to recognize high school teams with the highest combined grade point averages in each sport countywide, and to demonstrate the positive relationship between success on the field and success in the classroom. Of the 88 awards they have given to schools throughout the county in the past four years, 27 (just over 30%) have been to RUSD teams, including 8 in the 2004-2005 school year:

Fall Sports: Poly - Boys’ Water Polo Team (combined GPA – 3.51)
North - Girls’ Tennis Team (combined GPA – 4.18)

Winter Sports: North - Girls’ Soccer Team (combined GPA – 3.83)
King - Boys’ Wrestling Team (combined GPA – 3.07)

Spring Sports: King - Girls’ Softball Team (combined GPA – 3.58)
Poly – Girls’ Swimming Team (combined GPA – 3.83)
North – Boys’ Golf Team (combined GPA – 3.47)
North – Boys’ Tennis Team (combined GPA – 4.08)

5. “King High Remembers” Program Earns Golden Bell Award

“King High Remembers” brings military veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War to King High school to meet with U.S. History students, who interview the veterans and write biographies to capture their stories and experiences for history. Teacher John Corona created the “King High Remembers” program five years ago and was named 2005 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the California Council for Social Studies. The Golden Bell Award is presented by the California School Boards Association to honor outstanding educational programs throughout California.

6. Largest Class of AVID Graduates Ever

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a national college preparatory program at each of our high schools that targets students in the academic middle — B, C, and even D students — who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Typically, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and many are from low-income or minority families. AVID puts these students on the college track and gives them the tools, skills, and vision they need to successfully go on to colleges and universities across the country.

In June, RUSD high schools graduated the largest AVID class in the program’s 16-year history in Riverside: 231 students district-wide (up 13% from 204 last year). These seniors received a total of 966 acceptances to 4-year colleges and universities – an increase of 350 from last year. 95% received at least one acceptance to a 4-year college, and 27 were accepted to UCR for the fall 2005 semester. They also received significant scholarship dollars to help them achieve their educational goals – at Ramona alone, AVID students secured \$1.3 million in scholarships.

7. Students Shine In Academic Events

Poly High School’s Mock Trial Team won the Riverside County Champion title for the fourth year in a row, and placed fourth in the state. Poly’s nine-time county championship team has also won the statewide title three times and placed fourth in the nation in 2003.

Arlington High School’s Environthon Team earned its third consecutive statewide championship in 2004-2005 and competed in the North American championship this summer where they placed 14th overall and earned 1 of 5 First place blue ribbons.

Two RUSD students from Earhart Middle School and King High School were named Statewide History Day champions in the categories of Historical Papers and Individual Websites.

Eight RUSD students from Arlington, North and Poly High Schools placed first in the 4-county Regional Science and Engineering Fair and represented Riverside in the statewide competition.

8. Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF)

REEF was launched in 1993 to enrich educational opportunities in the Riverside Unified School District and to help bring the fresh ideas of teachers to the classroom, with the support of the community’s business leaders, parents, educators, and friends. In 2004-2005, REEF provided \$42,232.45 in classroom grants to 55 teachers for enrichment programs ranging from technology and the arts, to literacy, math, science, social science, and special education. For a complete listing of grants awarded, and to learn how you can support this valuable 501(c)3 non-profit organization, visit REEF’s new website: www.riversideschoolsrule.org.

The Riverside community can look forward to another successful school year in 2005-2006. Year-round schools began their year in July and schools on the traditional calendar welcomed students back on August 29.

“This is an exciting time of growth for our city and our school district,” said Dr. Susan Rainey, District Superintendent. “We have excellent teachers and non-teaching staff who are laser-focused on student achievement. Our schools are being recognized at the state and national level for their growth in achievement and for innovative programs that infuse the curriculum with meaning for students. Parents and community members are looking for ways to provide support and enrichment in our classrooms. While there is always more work to do in helping all students reach their academic potential, there is also much to celebrate in our schools and in our community.”

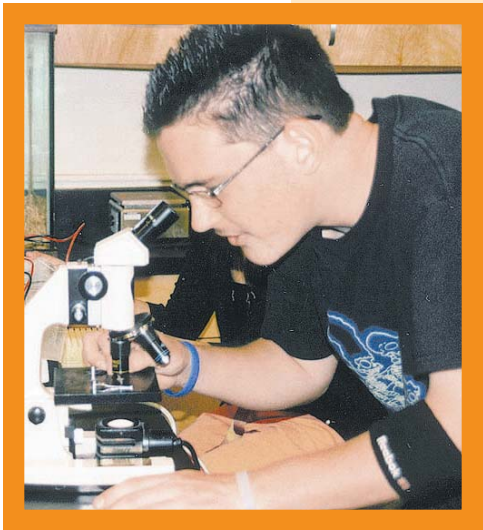
For more information about Riverside Unified School District, visit www.rusd.k12.ca.us or contact Dianne Pavia, Manager of Communications and Public Relations at dpavia@rusd.k12.ca.us or (951) 788-7116.

FAST FACTS ABOUT RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Almost 43,000 students are enrolled K-12
- There are 46 schools in RUSD
- 17% of our students are English Learners; more than 35 languages are spoken by our students
- 45.5% of our students are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunches
- 75% of RUSD high school graduates enroll in post-secondary education
- RUSD employs about 5,000 full- and part-time employees, making it one of the five largest employers in the Inland Empire
- 42% of our teaching staff hold Master’s Degrees and several hold doctorates
- The District’s annual budget is approximately \$360 million
- The District covers 92 square miles

NEXT ISSUE: Alvord School District

Look for student success stories and accomplishments that are taking place in the Alvord School District in our Winter issue of the Riverside Report.



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Fall/Winter 2005

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join your friends and neighbors!

Event Date	Organization, Event Name, Time	For more information, contact (phone number)
9/10/05	Riverside Gala for the Arlanza Family Health Center, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: Barbara 682-3182
9/13/05	Job Fair, Riverside Convention Center, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m	Contact: 787-7950
9/16/05	Home and Garden Expo, Riverside Convention Center, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Contact 368-9250
9/17/05	Home and Garden Expo, Riverside Convention Center, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Contact 368-9250
	Annual Mayor’s Ball for the Arts, White Park, 5:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: 680-1345
9/18/05	Home and Garden Expo, Riverside Convention Center, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Contact 368-9250
9/21/05	Women of Achievement, Riverside Convention Center, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Contact: 6879922 ext. 10
9/24/05	Job Fair, Riverside Convention Center, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m	Contact: 787-7950
	2005 Riverside Jazz Festival, Fairmount Park, 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: 687-7129
9/25/05	15th Annual AIDS Walk, 5th and Main Street, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Contact: Tonie 346-1910 ext. 105
	Bridal Show, Riverside Convention Center, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Contact: 787-7950
	2005 Riverside Jazz Festival, Fairmount Park, 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: 687-7129
10/1/05	Arc’s “Creative Expressions,” White Park, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Contact: 688-5141
10/2/05	Keep Riverside Clean and Beatiful, “Planting for the Future,” Mission Inn, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Contact: Jenny 683-7100
10/3/05	Riverside Career and College Fair, Riverside Convention Center, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Contact: 683-7100
10/8/05	7th Annual Family Village Multicultural Festival, Riverside Metropolitan Museum, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Contact: 826-5273
	Music of Power, Passion and Genius, Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: 787-0251
10/15/05	8th Annual Fiesta de la Familia, Main Street Mall, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Contact: Adriana 368-5353
10/16/05	8th Annual Fiesta de la Familia, Main Street Mall, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Contact: Adriana 368-5353
10/22/05	Harvest Festival, Main Street Mall, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Contact: 826-2000
11/12/05	Mozart’s Final Year, Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: 787-0251
11/17/05	7th Annual Raincross Trophy Dinner, Riverside Convention Center, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Contact: Robin 683-7100
11/23/05	Festival of Trees, Riverside Convention Center, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Contact: 486-4461
11/25/05	Riverside Festival of Lights, Downtown on Mission Inn/Orange, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Contact: 683-7100
	Festival of Trees, Riverside Convention Center, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Contact: 486-4461
11/26/05	Downtown Aglow, Main Street Mall, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Contact: 781-7335
	Festival of Trees, Riverside Convention Center, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Contact: 486-4461
11/27/05-12/31/05	Downtown Aglow, Main Street Mall, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Contact: 781-7335
* All dates are subject to change. Please call in advance to confirm dates and times.		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of your city government! This schedule lists events and meetings at which public participation is highly encouraged! We need your input and suggestions to help us serve you better.

Event Date	Organization, Event Name, Time	For more information, contact (phone number)
Ongoing	City Council Meeting: every Tuesday except for the months of July and August when they meet bi-monthly. There is no meeting held on the fifth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	Contact: 826-5991
9/12/05	Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Office of Neighborhoods: 826-5195
9/21/05	Mayor’s Night Out—Washington Elementary School	Contact: 826-5147
10/10/05	Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Office of Neighborhoods: 826-5195
10/26/05	Mayor’s Night Out—Mt. View Elementary School	Contact: 826-5147
11/7/05	Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Office of Neighborhoods: 826-5195
11/30/05	Mayor’s Night Out—Liberty Elementary School	Contact: 826-5147

CONTINUING/UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Downtown Wednesday Night • Main Street Mall March 30-October 26 • Contact: 951-715-3439</p> <p>Riverside Art Walk • Various museums and galleries, First Thursday of each month • 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>First Sundays • Downtown library & museums First Sunday of each month • 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Kalanjali Exhibition • Riverside Municipal Museum November 13-May 1 • Contact: 951-826-5273</p> <p>Che Guevara • UCR/CMP Thru May 28 • Contact: 951-827-4787</p> <p>7th Annual Family Village Festival: Join the Riverside Metropolitan Museum for the 7th Annual Family Village Festival! As a celebration of cultures from around the world, the Family Village Festival features live music, hands-on cultural demonstrations, and cultural cuisine! The family Village Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on October 8th, 2005 and is FREE!</p>	<p>Riverside ArtsWalk at the Metropolitan Museum: Join The Metropolitan Museum and over 15 other Riverside Arts & Culture venues each First Thursday of every month from 6-9pm as we examine a variety of cultural treasures from Taiko Drumming to Chicano history. Don’t miss our live entertainment, hands-on demonstrations, and curatorial presentations. --Free!</p> <p>Dia De Los Muertos (Day of Dead): Wednesday, November 2: Visit the Metropolitan Museum, Division 9 Gallery, and other venues along the way, to examine the complex and rich histories of honoring the dead in ancient and contemporary Mesoamerica through live performances and traditional cultural cuisine. The Metropolitan Museum will be participating in the Day of the Dead processional down Mission Inn Avenue and will present a variety of opportunities to learn more about this unique tradition.</p>	<p>City of Riverside Sponsors 2nd Annual Riverside Jazz Festival: Wind down your summer by enjoying the cool sounds of smooth jazz at the 2nd Annual Riverside Jazz Festival presented by the City of Riverside on September 24 –25 at Fairmount Park. This year’s weekend event will feature over eight hours of amazing contemporary jazz artists including Gerald Albright, Paul Taylor, Eric Darius, A. Ray Fuller and many more. Attendees will be treated to a cultural food pavilion, sponsor exhibits, a music store, and select vendors throughout the festival grounds.</p> <p>Advanced ticket prices per day begin at \$40 for Adults and \$15 for Children (age 12 and under). Tickets can be conveniently purchased and printed online at www.riversidejazzfestival.com or call the information line at (951) 687.7129.</p>
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